



The Savvy Consumer's Checklist Prescription Drug Prices

The high cost of prescription drugs puts a financial strain on the budgets of many Illinoisans. While many people believe prescription drugs cost the same no matter where they are purchased, in reality prices can vary greatly from store to store in the same city. For this reason, price shopping can mean big savings to Illinois residents who have limited prescription drug benefits or none at all and struggle to afford their prescribed medications.

The Office of the Attorney General recently surveyed over 200 pharmacies throughout Illinois. The following are some surprising facts we learned about prescription drug prices from the survey.

- ✓ Consumers can save up to 97% on one prescription by shopping around for the lowest price.
- ✓ Consumers can save up to 77% per prescription by purchasing generic drugs.
- ✓ On average, consumers can save only about 3% at a chain store over an independent store.
- ✓ Consumers can save a considerable amount of money on their prescriptions simply by comparison shopping within a short distance from their homes. The price of a prescription can vary considerably within a small geographic area such as a neighborhood or town.

To read our survey on prescription drug prices, please visit our Web site at www.IllinoisAttorneyGeneral.gov or call our office's Senior Citizens Consumer Fraud Helpline at 1-800-243-5377 (TTY: 1-800-964-3013).

To file a complaint about a health care provider or health care insurance provider, call our Health Care Helpline at 1-877-305-5145 (TTY: 1-800-964-3013).



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